

**Town of Fenwick Island
Minutes of the Charter & Ordinance
Committee Meeting
June 1, 2010**

Approved 7.6.2010

Call to Order at 9:30 a.m.

Present: Committee Members Bill Weistling, Gene Langan, Winnie Lewis, Vicki Carmean, Diane Tingle and Pat Schuchman.

Absent: Audrey Serio, Mike Quinn, Buzz Henifin

Public Attendance: None

Minutes:

- Diane Tingle made a motion to approve the minutes of May 5, 2010 seconded by Winnie Lewis. Gene Langan abstained from the vote. Motion passed.

Issues for Discussion & Possible Action:

- From the last meeting: discussion continued on the Sign ordinance. Pat Schuchman contacted Selby Sign Company and was given information on wind resistance for signs. Current sign requirement is 25 lbs. of wind press per square foot. According to Selby Sign, 25 lbs., can withstand 90 mph, 30 lbs., can withstand 100 mph and 35 lbs., can withstand 110 mph. International Residential Code and Sussex County require all construction in Fenwick Island be built to withstand 110 mph – the sign ordinance will be amended accordingly.
- Bill Weistling continued with reference to the Ocean City & Sussex County sign codes and how they restrict signs on vehicles. Sussex County & Fenwick Island have basically identical codes that prohibit use of a vehicle as a sign. Ocean City does permit signs on vehicles with certain restrictions. It was discussed to limit square footage to perhaps 12 square feet on a vehicle sign and add “permanently affixed sign” to this section of the sign ordinance. The committee will review Ocean City’s sign ordinance before the next committee meeting.
- Pat also brought attention to the new type of flags in use by some businesses. Bill will find out what these flags are called and the committee will consider adding to allowable flag usage. Any changes in flags allowed in the commercial zone will become effective next summer.
- Non-conforming signs – the existing signs were discussed and it was pointed out by Diane they have been in existence for many years. It was agreed that these signs should be allowed to replace as existing. In the event a sign falls in disrepair and the owner does not replace it within one year, then the current regulations will be enforced.

- Penalties – this will be changed to \$200 which is consistent throughout the codebook.
- Signs will be continued to be discussed at the July meeting.
- Chapter 100 (Licensing) will also be discussed to include a penalty to revoke a business license in the event the owner of a business is convicted of illegal activity 3 times.

Comprehensive Plan:

- Winnie Lewis commented that the C&O committee continues to address the goals of the Planning Commission. The third year report from the Planning Commission was sent to the State.

Next Meeting:

- Discussions planned will be:
 - Codebook Updates (continued)
 - Next meeting – July 6, 2010 – 9:30 a.m.

Old:

- Bill informed the committee that Chapter 127 (Sanitation) was pulled from the May Town Council Meeting agenda. Vicki Carmean brought up changes to the proposed first reading which will be amended and hopefully on the June Council meeting agenda for a first reading.

New:

- None.

Adjourn:

- Diane Tingle made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Gene Langan. The meeting was adjourned at 11:10 a.m.